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REMARKS

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2. On 11 February, the Mandau Kaserne at 14 Sachsenstrasse in Zittau, was occupied by KVP soldiers who wore light-red-bordered black collar patches. The Mandau Kaserne has eight three-story buildings. Major Jurek was identified as supply officer.²

3. On 3 March, the barracks installation on Sachsenstrasse in Zittau was occupied by an estimated 1,500 KVP soldiers wearing red-bordered black and a few blue service color. Some 20 x 122-mm field howitzers were seen in the barracks yard. Some of the howitzers were not covered and some were prepared for aiming practice.²

4. Between late January and 27 February, an estimated 10 to 12 x 152-mm howitzers were unloaded at the Zittau railroad station and were picked up by KVPs in three-axle Horch trucks.³

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5. Between 7 February and 8 March, KVPs observed in the vicinity of the Panzerjaeger Kaserne in Spremberg engaged in field training and training in firing with rifles and pistols or marched to or from the training area in squad and platoon strength. KVP soldiers were occasionally observed at maintenance work. No tanks were observed. Imprints of tracks were seen on the road to the Spremberg freight station.⁴ Sentries at the gates wore blue collar patches. Local residents stated that the new commander was one Major Baumann.⁵

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 On 6 March, KVP train [redacted] left Loebau for an undetermined destination.⁷ Between 11 and 15 March, a total of 12 KVP trains with [redacted] left the Weisswasser, Klitten, Uhyst and Rietschen railroad station for an undetermined destination.⁴ ⁶

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7. On 28 February, KVP train [redacted] which consisted of 5 converted boxcars, 1 boxcar, 16 flatcars and 1 coach, went from Dresden to Altengrabow, where it arrived at 2100. In early March, KVP train [redacted] which consisted of 7 converted boxcars and 21 flatcars, went from the Erfurt district to Altengrabow, where it arrived at 0500; and KVP train [redacted] went from Halle either to Schwerin or to the Schwerin district. ⁸

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1. [redacted] Comment. The installation is believed to be occupied by the 3d Mecz Regt and the Mort Regt of the Mecz Div Dresden. Yellow-bordered black collar patches indicate that signal personnel were involved but this does not necessarily mean that the installation quartered an independent signal unit.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The How Arty Regt of the Mecz Div Dresden is confirmed in its quarters. In addition to this regiment, the installation is believed to quarter the AAA Regt of the division. The two regiments are believed to have an estimated total strength of 1,200 to 1,300 men. Medium-blue service color may indicate personnel of a Mecz Regt or Tank Regt detached for courses at the NCO school of the AAA or How Arty Regt. Major Jurek was reportedly stationed in Zittau until the spring of 1952 and was last reported [redacted] as Hauptfachlehrer (special instructor) for supply of the Intendanturschule in Erfurt in June 1954.

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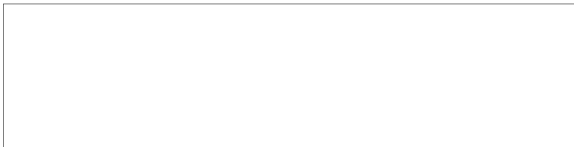
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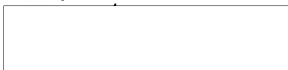
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